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Executive for A & M

Assistant Director for Operations

Increase in FBIB Table of Organization

AF. : Memorandum to Assistant Director for Operations from Executive for A & M dated 8 October 1948, subject: I/O, Foreign Broadcast Information Branch, OO

1. The present FBIB Table of Organization (reference above) provides for one CAF-9 Cruising Technician at each of its major field stations with the exception of its East Coast Bureau where two such positions are provided. These technicians make observations concerning the behavior of foreign transmitters which constitute the research data upon which all FBIB planning is developed. The principal duties of Cruising Technicians are:

a. To provide surveillance over that portion of the radio frequency spectrum in which stations broadcasting program material are operating with voice, various radio telegraph codes or various special methods of transmission.

b. To check regularly the schedules of known stations using various modes of transmissions to detect changes in such schedules with respect to program content, direction or beam of transmissions, hours of operation on the various frequencies, network arrangement of stations, quality of program material and audibility of signals on the various frequencies used.

c. To check that portion of the spectrum which could overtly or covertly be used by broadcasting stations of a given foreign power.

2. In order that FBIB may devote a greater effort to this type of monitoring, determine more accurately the capabilities of present and prospective FBIB facilities, and be prepared to expand present surveillance on short notice it is desired to initiate a more extensive program of research and training at the East Coast, West Coast, and Hawaii Bureaus. This program can be satisfactorily initiated by the addition of two CAF-9 Monitoring Technicians to the I/O of each of the above mentioned field bureaus.

It is requested that the present FBIB I/O be

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a. East Coast Bureau. Add: 2 Monitoring Technicians,  
CAF-8, Bureau No. F-136.

b. West Coast Bureau. Add: 2 Monitoring Technicians,  
CAF-8, Bureau No. F-104.

c. Hawaii Bureau. Add: 1 Monitoring Technicians, CAF-8,  
Bureau No. F-87.

To permit immediate recruitment and assignment of qualified personnel to the positions outlined above it is requested that FBIH personnel ceiling for the remaining quarters of fiscal year 1949 be increased as follows:

Field, U. S. from 112 to 116.

Field, U. S. Territory from 42 to 44.

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